



# Town of Abington

500 GLINIEWICZ WAY  
ABINGTON, MA 02351

## **Joint appointment School Committee/Board of Selectmen**

**June 16, 2015**

**8:30 p.m.**

**Cotter Room**

Members present: Mike Franey, Andy Burbine, Ken Coyle, Alex Bezanson

Also present: School Committee members, Ellen Killian, Mike Kurowski, Kathy Bailey.

Applicants: Wendy Happell, Jannette Leary Cummings, (Bob Manning not present)

Ms. Ellen Killian, Chair of the Abington School Committee called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m. Four members of the Abington Board of Selectmen were present: Alex Bezanson, Andrew Burbine, Kenneth Coyle and Michael Franey. Maureen Jansen (member of the Board of Selectmen) was unable to attend this evening's meeting and Mr. Manning (candidate) was also unable to attend this evening's meeting due to prior commitments. Mr. Franey, Chairman of the Abington Board of Selectmen, discussed the process for selecting a new member, including advice from Town Counsel, to fill the two vacancies on the Abington School Committee due to the resignations of Mr. Paul Hagerty and Ms. Leslie O'Neill. The openings were posted at the Town Hall as well as on the Town's website. There were three applicants for the two positions: Wendy Happell, Jannette Leary and Robert Manning. Mr. Franey also stated that these two positions are for one year and they would both be on next year's ballot for election. Candidates were given an opportunity to introduce themselves and give background information and then members of each Board were able to ask questions of both present candidates. Ms. Happell and Ms. Leary both indicated that they would be interested in running for school committee in April 2016.

Mr. Burbine nominated Jannette Leary and three members of the Board of Selectmen (Alex Bezanson, Andrew Burbine and Michael Franey) and three school committee members (Kathy Bailey, Ellen Killian and Mike Kurowski) voted for Jannette Leary to fill the vacancy (Kenneth Coyle, Selectmen member, voted no). Ms. Bailey nominated Robert Manning and three members of the school committee (Kathy Bailey, Ellen Killian and Mike Kurowski) voted in favor of Mr. Manning and four members of the Board of Selectmen (Alex Bezanson, Andrew Burbine, Kenneth Coyle and Michael Franey) voted no for Mr. Manning. Mr. Coyle nominated Wendy Happell and four members of the Board of Selectmen (Alex Bezanson, Andrew Burbine, Kenneth Coyle and Michael Franey) voted in favor of Wendy Happell to fill the school committee vacancy and three school committee members (Kathy Bailey, Ellen Killian and Mike Kurowski) voted no.

Mr. Franey congratulated Jannette Leary and Wendy Happel on their appointment to the School Committee, and thanked Mr. Manning for applying for the vacancy.

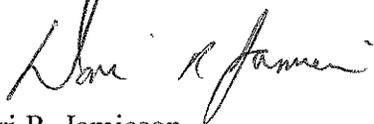
M/Bezanson to adjourn

S/Coyle

Voted 4-0

Meeting adjourned: 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dori R. Jamieson".

Dori R. Jamieson

Assistant Town Manager